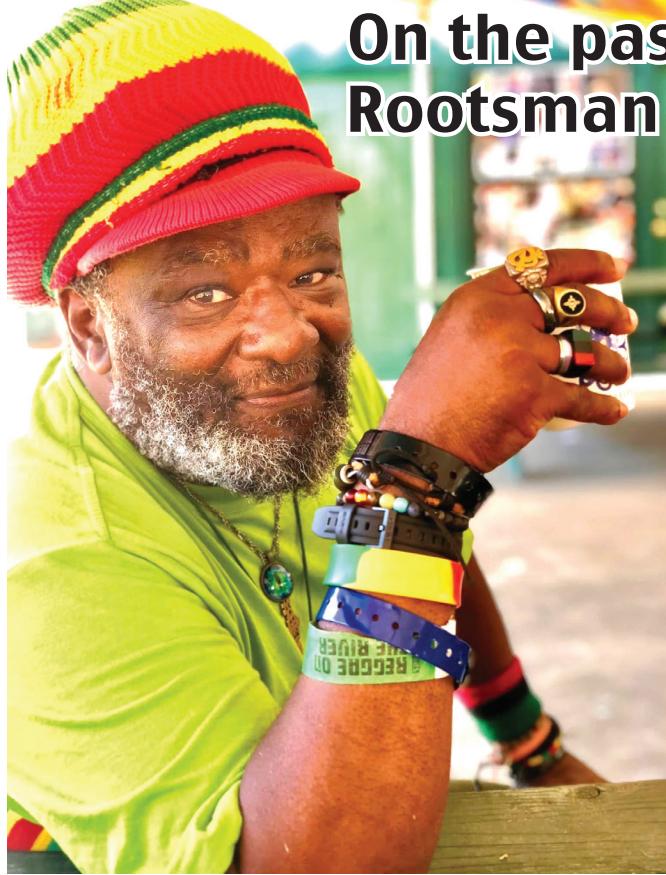


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On the passing of Reggae Rootsman Madi Simmons

Bob Doran

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On Dec. 15, 2024, we lost our friend Madi Simmons, the Reggae Rootsman, when he succumbed to cancer after a short time in hospice care. He will feel no more pain.

Madi was a guest on my radio show *The Hum > Radio*, just short of a year ago, in January 2024. He came into Humboldt Hot Air in advance of performing with his daughter Lorenza Simmons-Phillips at an event honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., which was presented by the Humboldt County Black Music & Arts Association.

In this interview, Madi told me that he was born and raised in Chicago, Ill., the Windy City.

Madi said, "I talk about being a graduate of the school of hard knocks, but I had some good education too. I lived on [Chicago's] Southside,

MADI ♦ PAGE 5



SANTA'S SAMOA HELPERS The Samoa Peninsula Fire District escorted Santa Claus through Samoa, the Alice Phyllis Rex Townhomes, Finn-town, Fairhaven and the Samoa Boat Ramp of Saturday afternoon, handing out candy canes and presents along the way. Above, Leroy Zerlang, Michaela Whiteley, Dalene Zerlang, Kim Walford-Bergel and Santa (Don Hofacker).

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Economy struggles as budget deficit persists

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County's discretionary budget fund is doing better than forecasted but a deficit remains and the county's economy is struggling.

A mix of outcomes was presented to the Board of Supervisors during a Dec. 17 budget update.

Taking effect last July, the year's budget was approved with a \$15 million deficit.

But due to various one-time revenue boosts and cost-cutting, the budget's General Fund — which pays for county services — is at \$42.8 million, \$13.2 million more than predicted when the budget was approved.

Though noting the "pos-

itive performance," Deputy County Administrative Officer Jessica Maciel said the deficit persists and an imbalance between spending and income has to be addressed. She asked county department heads to be "realistic" when submitting their year-end budget estimates and advised caution.

"While these fund balances are an improvement from what was anticipated at time of the proposed budget, it's critical that we proceed with caution as one-time funds such as fund balance do not resolve the structural budget deficit," she said. "It's important that we work to develop a budget that balances ongoing expenditures with ongoing

BUDGET ♦ PAGE 3

McGuire outlines plan for new crisis center

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — State Sen. Mike McGuire paid a call at Mad River Community Hospital (MRCH) Wednesday, Dec. 11 to help firm up plans for the planned Humboldt County Behavioral Health Crisis Triage Center.

The new center, to be sited at an as-yet undecided site on the MRCH campus, will provide immediate treatment for those suffering a mental health crisis or intoxication, diverting individuals away from jail or emergency rooms not well suited to treat them, and saving limited resources.

With McGuire were Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Director Connie Beck and DHHS Behavioral Health Director Emi Botzler-Rodgers. The three had just come from a planning session with MRCH leadership for the new center.

"Obviously this is a team effort," McGuire said.

The center will include 12 crisis stabilization beds, six for adults and six for children and youth; nine mental health crisis residential beds; 10 crisis residential beds for dual-diagnosis substance disorder and mental health — 43 beds in all, plus 12 sobering cots.

Intake at the facility will assessments and treatment

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FOUR MORE YEARS Scott Binder, left, and Greg Orsini take the oath of office Dec. 13, administered by McKinleyville Community Services District Board Secretary Joey Blaine. In the November election, the incumbents did not face any challengers, so their names did not appear on the ballot. On Nov. 12, Binder and Orsini were appointed to four-year terms on the MCSD Board of Directors by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. VIA MCSD

Bottoms parking restricted

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA/ORICK — Taking steps to prevent illegal dumping and other nuisances, Humboldt's Board of Supervisors is banning overnight parking on streets in the Arcata area and Orick.

At their Dec. 10 meeting, supervisors approved bans on overnight parking on sections of Jackson Ranch Road in the Arcata Bottom and Dryden Road in Orick.

Both of these locations

are becoming a drain on county resources through both the Sheriff's Office having to respond to illegal dumping and other activities overnight that are occurring there and Public Works having to clean up the messes," said Public Works Director Tom Mattson. "We've done these types of ordinances before and they seem to be helping us."

A written staff report mentions "burning RVs" as another factor in the parking bans.

Parking will be disallowed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Drydens Road in Orick and midnight to 5 a.m. on Jackson Ranch Road in the Arcata area.

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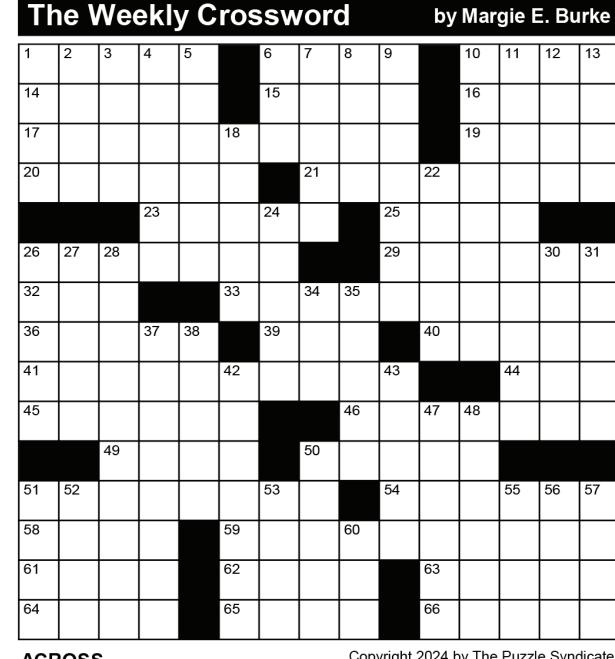
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Monday, Dec. 16	00.43	16.90	09.24	11.35
Tuesday, Dec. 17	00.00	16.90	10.07	11.63
Wednesday, Dec. 18	00.07	16.97	10.64	11.91
Thursday, Dec. 19	00.00	16.97	11.90	12.19
Friday, Dec. 20	00.00	16.97	12.12	12.47
Saturday, Dec. 21	00.53	17.50	12.12	12.74

Rain as measured by National Weather Service at Woodley Island.

Weather year starts on Oct. 1.



ACROSS

- 1 Angry bull's sound
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- 9 Sharon of "Dreamgirls"
- 14 Pronto
- 15 Phonograph inventor
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- 21 While away
- 22 Life partner?
- 23 Make whole
- 24 Free-for-all
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- 26 Text alternative
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- 28 March Madness, e.g.
- 32 Religions chants
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- 35 Obliterate
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- 37 South Dakota region
- 38 Molecule makeup
- 39 Sticky stuff
- 40 Perform a poem
- 41 See the world
- 42 Impart, as values
- 43 Strike zones?
- 44 Like some drinks
- 45 Like Nebraska's legislature
- 46 Golden girl Getty
- 47 Not apt to crow
- 48 "Let's Go Crazy" singer
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- 54 Commendation
- 55 Museum pieces
- 56 Neck part
- 57 Storage cubby
- 58 Hill dwellers
- 59 Whole away
- 60 Short and sweet
- 61 Make whole
- 62 Nero's 57
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- 64 Hill dwellers
- 65 Actress Redgrave
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Youth decoy buys weed, home, biz raids ensue

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EUREKA/ARCATA — On Thursday, Dec. 12 deputies with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET) served two search warrants to investigate illegal cannabis sales at a smoke and glass shop in the 2200 block of Fourth Street in Eureka and an apartment in the 800 block of Bayside Road in Arcata.

The service of these warrants was a part of a multi-week investigation of the illegal sale of cannabis products to minors at a retail location.

Additionally, this location did not possess the required county permit and state license to sell cannabis commercially. During this operation, a juvenile employed by the business sold illegal cannabis product to an underage decoy.

During the service of the warrants, deputies seized hundreds of illegal cannabis products which were available for purchase at the business location. At the time of the search warrants, no arrests were made.

This investigation is still ongoing, and the case will be forwarded to the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office for review.

Armed felon sentenced

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

HUMBOLDT — On Dec. 17, the Honorable Lawrence Killoran sentenced 32-year-old Jesus LozaZamacona to serve six years in prison for two felony crimes, felon in possession of a firearm and felon in possession of ammunition, for which a Humboldt County jury convicted him last month.

In March of last year, Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies Hal Esget and Jonathan Waxler conducted a parole search of LozaZamacona's residence on Old Arcata Road where they discovered a loaded .38 revolver.

A subsequent investigation revealed LozaZamacona, a felon from Stockton, who was released on parole to Humboldt County after serving prison time for armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon, was armed at his local residence with the loaded .38 revolver shortly before the HCSO deputies arrived on scene.

Deputy District Attorney Ian Harris prosecuted the case with assistance of DA Investigators Chelsea Brawner, Marvin Kirkpatrick and Richard Bise. Local defense attorney Rebecca Linkous represented LozaZamacona.

District Attorney Stacey Eads thanks the jurors for their time and effort during the trial.

CHOCOLATE-MAKING CLASSES

Sandra Nakashima is offering more Chocolate Making Fun classes with Arcata Recreation, January through April of the new year! The Arcata Recreation Division is taking enrollments for artisan chocolate classes through April of 2025. Sandra Nakashima is a seasoned chocolatier with over 20 years of experience in the art of chocolate making. As the former owner of Drake's Chocolates, she has honed her skills and developed a deep passion for creating delicious and beautiful chocolate confections. Sandra has taught hundreds of classes, sharing her extensive knowledge and love for chocolate with students of all ages. In this series of classes, participants will learn how to temper chocolate and create a variety of customized chocolate creations. Each class will have participants creating a different chocolate confection. Classes will occur at the Arcata Community Center in the Arts and Crafts room on select Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Two classes per month will be offered throughout winter and spring beginning Monday, Jan. 13. Classes are \$30 each which includes the cost of ingredients. cityofarcata.org/rec, (707) 822-7091.

PICKLEBALL COURSES

The City of Arcata Recreation Division is offering two six-week courses for adults interested in playing pickleball. Pickleball Fundamentals will provide adults with knowledge and experience in the fundamentals of pickleball. Topics to be covered include learning the rules and history of pickleball, proper warm-up, equipment, terminology, serving and receiving, court awareness, basic shots, simple strategy, etiquette, doubles play, health benefits and the joy of playing pickleball. At the end of the six weeks, participants will have

acquired the foundational knowledge and skills to start playing pickleball at local venues. Intermediate Pickleball will expand and refine players' existing skills. Players should expect to learn more advanced techniques and strategies like different strokes, doubles strategies, court awareness, shot selection and dinking strategies. At the end of the six-week course, participants will have honed their skills to play pickleball at a more competitive level. These courses are led by instructor Enrique Esperanza II. Two sessions of Pickleball Fundamentals will be held

Jan. 14 to Feb. 18 and March 4 to April 15 on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Two sessions of Intermediate Pickleball will be held on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 16 to Feb. 20 and March 6 – April 17 and one session will be held on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 15 to Feb. 19. All classes will take place in the Arcata Community Center gymnasium. The registration fee for both classes is \$80 with an additional fee of \$13.50 for non-residents. For more information and to register, please visit cityofarcata.org/rec or call (707) 822-7091.



HUMBOLDT DHHS, HOOPA HHS CO-Locate

HOOPA HOOPA Ribbon cutting at the new facility.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DHHS

ARCATA — Wednesday, Dec. 18, was a day of long-awaited celebration, as staff from the Hoopa Valley Tribe's Division of Human Services and the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) cut the ribbon on their new co-located space at 68 Orchard St. in Hoopa.

Hoopa Valley Tribal Vice Chairman Jordan Hailey said it's "exciting" that the county and tribe will be working more closely. "I believe better relationships, closer ties and collaboration will help to better serve the community as a whole as best as we can," he said. "I am really excited to see what the future brings."

DHHS Director Connie Beck agreed and said the push to co-locate staff has been years in the making. "I first started working on this project with past Hoopa Human Services Director Millie Grant several years ago," she said. "Seeing it come to fruition is absolutely amazing."

CWS Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program Manager Pamela Miller said, "The county and Tribe already work together and have a strong relationship, and this closeness in proximity will serve to make it stronger."

Prior to moving into the newly ren-

ovated facility, DHHS staff maintained an office at the K'ima:w Medical Center in Hoopa with one local employee. This move makes it possible for DHHS to have an Eligibility Specialist, Behavioral Health Clinician and four Social Workers, including two assigned to ICWA ongoing cases.

Over the years, it has been challenging for DHHS to hire individuals who could move to the Hoopa-area to work at these jobs, or find people who were already residents, and for years, staff from Eureka took turns commuting to and from Hoopa to cover the vacancies. The travel time reducing the amount of time staff could provide services. Today, all six staff currently housed in the Hoopa office also live in the surrounding areas.

Humboldt County Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone thanked the Hoopa community members, the Hoopa Tribal Council and all the staff involved. "What a beautiful day this is," he said. "So many people have worked so hard to help make this happen. We at the county are honored to be part of this. Thank you for inviting us to be your partners."

CWS Social Worker IV Ella Kane, who works out of the new Hoopa office

on social worker recruitment and retention, is a lifelong resident of eastern Humboldt and a longtime social worker. "I see this co-location as a way to increase access to essential resources that are not always available when living in our rural community," she said. "Hiring social workers who live in the community helps ensure they have an understanding of the unique needs and challenges the children and families experience."

CWS Director Amanda Winstead echoed Kane's sentiments. "A space like this lets Tribal and county staff work side-by-side in new ways to support children to stay safe in their family and community. This is another step in our collaboration and partnership with the Hoopa Tribe—I am so grateful and appreciative of all the work and persistence both Tribal and county staff have put in to make this happen."

Kane agreed, saying, "This new co-location has been a long time coming. I am so thankful it is finally here."

DHHS services available at the new Hoopa location include Child Welfare Services, Behavioral Health and assistance with CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal and General Relief and Transportation Assistance programs.

Emma and Trent – friendly, calm, yet full of doggie joy

We have all heard that black dogs are slower to be adopted. It could be just that they are harder to photograph and so they aren't noticed when potential adopters scan through adoptable listings. I'm down to one black dog at my house but she is the best of the bunch!

We have some great black dogs at the shelter. Here are two that would make great companions for anyone looking for a new friend.

Emma is a very sweet dog that has been at the shelter since September. She is about five years old. Emma is a pretty low-key girl that is happy to do whatever is on the agenda. Emma recently got to go on a trip to see Santa. Some of our other dogs were not so sure about the whole Santa thing but Emma

embraced the opportunity to meet someone new, no matter what strange attire they were wearing.

Emma was happy to get in her volunteer friend's car and rode nicely into Arcata. Emma's trip recap read:

"When we got to Arcata Pet,

Emma was super excited to be out in the world. She did not get jumpy, just a big old smile went across her face. Emma totally knows how inside spaces work.

She pushed the door to go inside the store and we respectfully cruised all the aisles. Emma smelled at the food, treats, and toys but did not grab a single one. After our successful visit with Santa we walked around the Plaza. Everywhere we went, people fell for Emma and showered her with love. Emma approves.

was getting pret-



ty pooped by the time we were rounding the Plaza. Back in the car, Emma didn't want to fully fall asleep, afraid she might miss something. Emma is such a happy girl who has so much love to give."

Emma knows Sit and Down, loves a good toy and would love to show you what a great girl she can be. Come meet Emma at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter!

Our other black dog to feature today is the handsome Trent. Trent has been at the shelter since November of 2023. That's a long time.

Trent has been a favorite of some of our volunteers, but it's probably no surprise that many of us already have a household of dogs and so he is still waiting to find that forever home. He was found as a stray in Loleta, wandering around with an open wound in his armpit.

He has come so far since then! He makes everyone laugh with his zoomies in the play yard and loves to splash through the wading pool. Last summer he was one of the brave ones who actually swam in the Dash and Splash pool. He has been on outings to the Hammond Trail and loved being out in nature. He has canine walking buddies at the shelter and could do well with another dog in the home.

Trent has enjoyed his time at the shelter, which seems to have been a safer and more consistent environment that wherever he



came from. Now it is his turn

to discover how wonderful it can be to live in a loving home! Trent knows how to walk nicely on the leash, knows Sit and some other obedience, loves to take a toy out for a spin – run, bury, dig up, drop in the water, repeat – and appreciates pets and affection as well.

Look past the hard-to-see features and come meet the real Trent! He will be waiting for you at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter in McKinleyville.

Both of these dogs are altered, microchipped, current on vaccinations and heart-worm tested. Appointments to meet them are available by calling (707) 840-9132.

Remember, when you adopt a shelter dog, you rescue two dogs – the one you adopt and the one who is waiting for that kennel space. Help save a life in the New Year!

Budget | Structural deficits

FROM PAGE 1

ing revenues."

A written staff report details the budget's wider context – the local economy.

According to the report, sales tax revenue in the entire county was down by 1.9 percent April through June compared to the previous year. In the unincorporated county area, sales tax revenue was down by 5.7 percent.

But the Measure Z public safety sales tax, which according to the report has "a different distribution methodology," was up by 2.1 percent.

By sector, the biggest drop was in vehicle sales, with a 6.2 percent decrease.

Construction-related and retail sale tax revenues also decreased. The report describes expected consumer spending as "weak for the remainder of 2024."

For many years, the county has forwarded the year-end General Fund balance to make up for deficits.

But that strategy will soon hit a wall.

"We still have a structural deficit that remains due to the great number of additional general fund requests that we receive each budget cycle," said Supervisor Natalie Arroyo. "While that reduction in fund balance wasn't as severe as anticipated, we still do project that in the coming years we will run out of fund balance."

Asked to "elaborate" on that, Maciel said if the deficit isn't reduced, fund balance will be zeroed out in the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year.

Supervisor Michelle Bushnell acknowledged savings from departmental ac-

tions like hiring freezes and leaving vacant positions unfilled.

"I do want to recognize that the departments really got on board and we have a better look right now because departments did take it seriously and really worked with the CAO's Office, with (the Department of Health and Human Services) not hiring and with the hiring freeze," she said.

"And I think the message is to the whole organization is that it's going to be rocky for a few years but hopefully down the road we can get back to some normalcy."

She added, "I just really want to say to the employees, I know they're working extra hard and (departments) are understaffed."

Several county services funds have negative budget balances.

The Road Funds is \$7.4 million in the red, a slight increase from last year.

But the written staff report says the recent voter approval of the Measure O sales tax increase will allow the Department of Public Works to "begin completing a backlog of road maintenance in a significant way."

The Aviation Capital Projects Fund also has a negative balance, of \$4.9 million.

As with the Roads Fund, a primary cause of the deficit is the gap between upfront spending on grant-funded projects and reimbursement.

In addition to fielding the update, supervisors approved some budget changes, including contributions to deferred facilities maintenance and general reserve funds of \$1.3 million and \$3



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ECO BRIEFS

MARSH BIRD TOUR Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 28 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Larry Karsteadt at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails and a great diversity of birdlife.

MITOTE AT THE DUNES Friends of the Dunes is excited to invite the community to Mitote at the Dunes, a free bilingual (Spanish) family-friendly event on Saturday, Dec. 28 from 3 to 6 p.m. This celebration takes place at the beautiful Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Ln. in Manila, and offers an unforgettable afternoon of cultural traditions, food and fun. The event will feature a cultural dance offering by Danza Azteca-Mexica Club of Cal Poly Humboldt, showcasing traditional dance and hon-

oring Indigenous heritage. Families and community members are invited to enjoy free street tacos, participate in engaging games and explore hands-on crafts for all ages.

MARSH HISTORY Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 28. Meet leader Sharon Levy at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center (AMIC) on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk. (707) 826-2359.

CLEAR INVASIVES, PLANT WILDFLOWERS Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Saturday, Dec. 28 from 9 to 11 a.m. for a Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Workday. Help create bird-friendly native habitats and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash, clearing weeds from select areas and scattering seeds for native wildflowers behind the Bayshore Mall. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot directly behind Walmart. We will provide tools, gloves and packaged snacks. Please bring drinking water. Contact Susan Penn at susanpenn60@gmail.com for questions or more information.

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MAD RIVER UNION

DECEMBER 25, 2024

The Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse is lit

Janine Volkmar

MAD RIVER UNION

TRINIDAD – Volunteers, members of the Trinidad Civic Club and the hard-working staff of the Trinidad Rancheria have worked together to install decorations and lights on the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse.

The lighthouse is in its new home, facing the ocean. Its historic Fresnel lens is back in place and shining its light again after years in storage during the construction phase of the beloved icon's new location.

Now, Christmas lights will add to the glow, from dusk until dawn for the month of December.

Trinidad Rancheria crew members included Harbor Master Casey Box, Brandon Knudtson, Trevor Mead, Gialluca Silva and Darrell Gooch. Civic Club members Martha Sue Davis and Jan West organized the project with the help of local volunteers Jack West, John Lee, Andrew Davis, Travis Quinn and Bill Nelson.

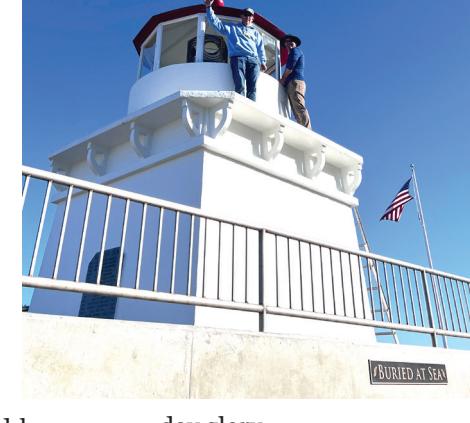
The lights were sponsored by Sarah Corliss of Forbes and Associates, Pierson's Building Center, and Bill Nelson and Martha Sue Davis.

Materials used were electrical conduit and tape, bungee cords and zip ties.



LET THERE BE LIGHT Brandon Knudtson on lift, Darrell Gooch, Gialluca Silva and Casey Box on lighthouse.

Below, a friendly wave. PHOTO BY JAN WEST | TRINIDAD CIVIC CLUB Photographers, take note, December is the time to take photographs of it in its holi-



day glory.

For more information, visit the Trinidad Civic Club website, trinidadcivicclub.org.

How California's geology came to be

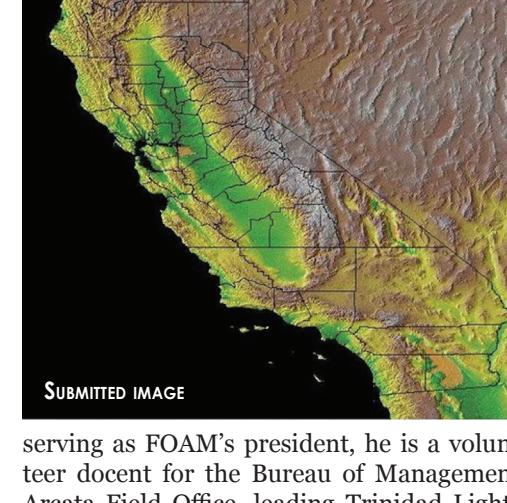
FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH

ARCATA MARSH – On Wednesday, Jan. 1 join Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) president and retired high school biology teacher Elliott Dabill to learn about why the Golden State has such diverse wildlife, climate and landforms.

His presentation, titled "How California's Geology Came to Be," is part of the First Wednesday Lecture Series sponsored by FOAM. This one-hour talk will be held at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center starting at 7 p.m., followed by a Q&A session and carried live on Zoom.

This talk is the culmination of years of research by Elliott to get to the (rock) bottom of why our state has mountains like Alaska, more deserts types than Mexico, basin and range like Nevada, and a rather unruly set of ranges that parallel each other. Wouldn't it be fun if we can tie all those things together, based on the same cause?

Elliott has several degrees and certificates, including as a California Naturalist. Besides



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serving as FOAM's president, he is a volunteer docent for the Bureau of Management Arcata Field Office, leading Trinidad Lighthouse tours within the California Coastal National Monument and Salmon Pass tours within the Headwaters Forest Reserve.

He enjoys connecting people to our local natural and cultural history. He has led walks through the Arcata Marsh, local redwood forests and historic Old Town Eureka.

(707) 826-2359

This journaling class is for those who can quietly observe

FOAM

ARCATA MARSH – Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) continues its free monthly activity, Nature Journaling at the Marsh, on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 9 a.m. The session will be led by retired teacher and super-experienced Marsh naturalist

Lynn Jones.

No pre-registration is required, but sessions are limited to the first 10 people to show up at the Marsh Interpretive Center. All ages are welcome, as long as participant are able to concentrate quietly for an extended period of time. Heavy rain cancels.

FOAM will provide clipboards and colored pencils; participants need to bring their own paper (e.g., a notebook or journal, separate sheets) and a writing implement of their choice to jot notes. A pad to sit on or a folding chair is optional, as are binoculars and guidebooks. Wear weather-appropriate clothing, which may include a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

The goal of this 90-minute session is to sit quietly in one spot in the Marsh (locations will vary), making formal and informal observations of natural surroundings, on a small or large scale. The intent is to develop sensory observation skills and curiosity and to explore relationships in nature.

Each observation begins with recording the date, precise location, elevation, weather (cloud cover, wind direction, air temperature) and time (most of these can be found on a phone).

Next, for 30 to 45 minutes, participants will write and/or draw observations using their various senses.

Lynn will offer prompts, but observation topics can be a particular species (plant or animal), ecosystem or overall environment. Style and interpretation will vary. The session will end with a discussion about "What did this observation make you wonder?"

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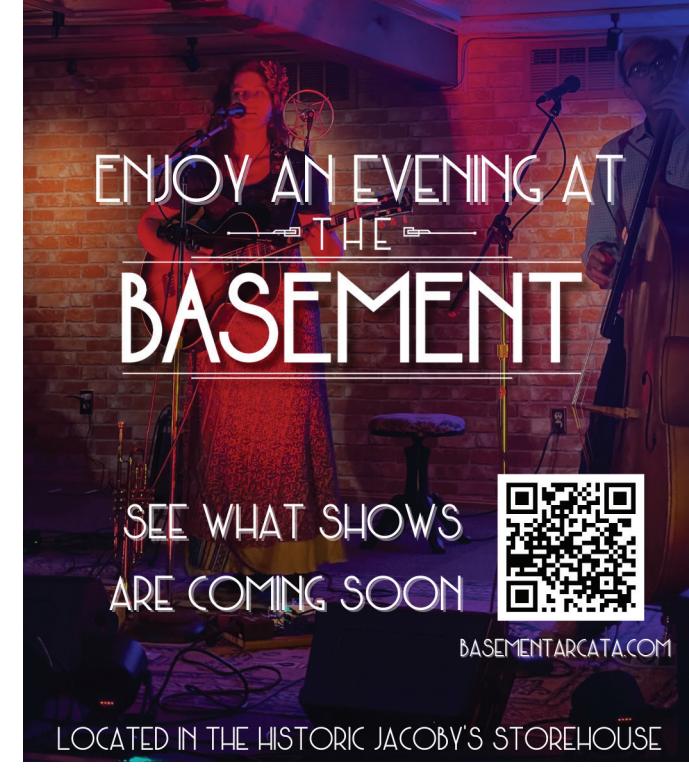
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PRESIDENT, MCKINLEYVILLE LIONS CLUB

MCKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Lions Club just completed its 18th Winter Express program at the Dow's Prairie Grange.

Some 525 students from six area schools had an opportunity to shop for their loved ones, get a picture with Santa by volunteer photographer Stephen Lewis and enjoy a cookie snack donated by the bakers at Timber Ridge.

Some 30 community volunteers, Lions members from Ferndale and Trinidad Club, and 60 student vol-



LIONS George Couzens-Trinidad; Nancy Henley; Mark Wainwright; David (Santa) Griffiths-Ferndale; Pat Thomas, Mary Zinselmeir, (seated) Cyndi Bainbridge. Other McKinleyville club members include Mark Nichols, Ed Kier, Sherry Slocum, Glenn Slocum, Suzan Gup-ton, John Kulstad and June Naegeli. SUBMITTED PHOTO



unteers from McKinleyville High school organized by Student Services Department Chair Anne Sahlberg worked over four days to

make this a memorable experience. Some of our community volunteers have participated for decades.

Some of our student volunteers remember

participating in the program as little children.

We truly appreciate and thank them all.

We could not provide this

annual program without the support of the following businesses and donors – the McKinleyville Area Fund, Grocery Outlet of McKinleyville, Eureka's Old Town Santa, Handyman Hauling Gardening & Painting, Kim McReynolds, Linda Hyman, Round Table Pizza, McKinleyville Barber Shop, Girl Scout Troops #10627, 70181, 70536 & 90037 and Boy Scout Troop #99.

We hope to continue our program for years to come with the generosity of our community.

Madi | Always positive, grateful and blessed

FROM PAGE 1

Westside, Eastside, Southwest-side, and lived in the suburbs. I was all over the place [back then]. It was like that song from Rare Earth, 'Born to Wander': I'll never make it here. 'Cos the wind was my mother/The highway is my brother. I was born to wander. And it's time for movin' on."

He noted, "I had itchy feet until I got married."

Eventually, Madi made his way out to California. He first came to live in Humboldt in 1986, when his daughter Lorenza was around a year old. He said he landed here somewhat by accident. "We were actually going to be moving to Eugene or whatever." He explained that they were waylaid by the sign for Humboldt State University. Lorenza's mom was thinking of going to school somewhere and they stopped "to see what this town is like" and checked out the area. After that, Humboldt became their home base for many years.

In his lifetime, Madi also lived in Maui, Hawaii for five years ("too expensive") and for a time he called Seattle homebase. Speaking of Seattle in his interview, Madi remembered, "I didn't really live there, but I was in a band called Power Light there for a year, playing reggae, R&B, soul, a little rock 'n' roll." He said Power Light was "kind of a show band playing casinos and ski resorts. You know, been there. Done that."

Then Madi went to Austin, Texas and played in a reggae band there. That only lasted about six months, "you know I wanted to do my own thing," he concluded. In between Seattle, Hawaii and Austin, he kept coming back to Humboldt, "and I stayed. What do you do after you've lived here?" Madi reflected fondly. Well, you call it home and play reggae and soul and funk.

Madi was an undeniably good man, someone who cared wholeheartedly for others. As Humboldt Hot Air's station manager Neroni Devaney put it on social media, "We are deeply saddened by the passing of local and global reggae icon — as well as all around incredible human — Madi Simmons. Madi was a huge supporter of Humboldt Hot Air, and would congratulate [us] on the station's progress ev-



ALL THINGS ART
Bob Doran



artist, and he took time to check in with me. During this check in, we spoke on the importance of music and rhythm in his life.

He wore a watch along with numerous wristbands, to remind himself what time it is. We all have an allotment of time on the planet, and he felt it was crucial to use that time to make life better for everyone he met.

Madi was particularly proud of the reception he got overseas for his songs. Culture Horn Sound System, a Russian dub sound system from the Kaluga region in Russia, had Madi supply vocals for a track titled "I'm a Rootsman," working with Med Dred, from Cyprus. It was deemed "2018 BEST REGGAE RECORDING OF THE YEAR," and he got an award. The international recognition made him proud.

Now that he's gone, his songs are what we have to remember him by, always with a strong beat, always on time. And always with positivity.

As anyone who has cared for a dying loved one knows, beyond the pain, it hits you in the pocketbook. Anyone who wants to share the burden his passing has put on his family is invited to check out the GoFundMe page they established.

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Soroptimist Girls of the Month honored for excellence, service

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ARCATA

ARCATA – Soroptimist International of Arcata recently honored its "November Girls of the Month."

Allison Cornish, Tatum Fisher, Lela Broughton and Lillian Afridi were recognized for academic excellence and community service and participation.

Allison, daughter of Nnette Cornish, is a senior at McKinleyville High School. She has received an academic excellence award and has been in the top 16 percent of her class every year since being in high school. Recently she was the Humboldt County History Day winner and moved on to be a finalist at Sacramento State's History Day.

For the past three years Allison has volunteered at "Winter Express" with the local Lions Club, she has been a math tutor and has been involved in cleaning up Clam Beach with the Key Club.

After high school, Allison

would like to go to a university in California to pursue engineering. She has actively been exploring engineering options locally – she has shadowed a project manager from Hooven and Company and has met with RWE regarding possible careers in renewable energy.

Tatum, daughter of Dave and Deanne Fisher, is a senior at McKinleyville High School and she loves to play basketball! She is on the HDN First team all-league



GIRLS OF THE MONTH From left, Lela Broughton, Lillian Afridi, Tatum Fisher and Allison Cornish. SUBMITTED PHOTO

is a senior at Arcata High School. She has been very active in the Black Student Union. She currently is the vice president and served as the secretary. Lela has volunteered at Teen Court and participated in On the Verge program which helps young people become leaders that see community needs and work to find solutions. In the past, Lillian played basketball and was nominated for the homecoming court. She frequently volunteers at a local nursing home and helps with the Bingo Night. Occasionally she babysits for local single mothers.

Upon graduation, Lela plans to attend a California State University or University of California school and study psychology with the ultimate goal of getting a Ph.D. degree and working as a child therapist or psychiatrist.

Lillian Afridi, daughter of Jodie and Jhon Afridi, is a senior at Arcata High School. Currently, Lillian is the Associated Student Body president, the editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, *The Pepperbox* and is a varsity wrestler. Lillian has earned a seal of biliteracy and has been on the honor roll for the past four years.

Going forward, Lillian plans to attend a four-year university and major in kinesiology or biology.

Lela, daughter of Melina Volz and Farrell Broughton,

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Information is like compost, it does no good unless you spread it around.

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There is evidence that humans began composting 12,000 years ago in the Neolithic Age, also known as the First Agricultural Revolution, after the climate warmed following the Ice Age. This is when hunter-gatherers first learned to fertilize their soil with decaying matter to farm and live in communities.

Here are some other facts about composting. According to Humboldt Waste Management Authority, 20 to 30 percent of our organic waste going to local landfills is food related.

Methane emissions, a powerful toxic gas that is responsible for 20 to 30 percent of climate warming since the Agricultural Revolution in 1750, is released in landfills by decaying organic waste. Composting household waste is a low-tech way of diverting methane from landfills and could be a serious tool in the battle to save our planet.

If you have seen bikers pulling compost containers in Arcata and Bayside then you are probably somewhat familiar with Full Cycle Compost, a cooperative business helping to turn what is too often a waste, into a resource.

I met three of the four members at the Redwood Coast Montessori Community Garden to ask them about their work.

There was Skye Henterly, a local artist who focuses on themes of decomposition and regeneration and local plants and animals, and works part time for the City of Arcata.

Monika Richardson is a graduate student in biology who studies symbiotic fungi with local pine species.

And Dimitry Podolsky, who started about a year ago with Full Cycle, owns a cottage food operation called One Wing Provisions, and works at a farm a couple days a week. He told me that compost is one of his biggest life passions.

This article is edited for clarity and length.

Dana: I know that you are all very busy and I appreciate you taking the time to do this. Why do we need to compost?

Monika: There isn't a food waste service right now. When food waste goes into the landfill it does non-oxygenated or anaer-

obic decomposition, [releasing] methane; and methane is a pretty volatile gas in our atmosphere. Instead we can use the nutrients and minerals and food waste to create this beautiful material that feeds plants. So the food scraps are literally going into the soil that creates more food for this community. It's a closed loop system helping us to fight gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

Tell me what you know about the history of Full Cycle Compost.

Skye: None of our original founding members are here. I've been a part of it for the longest period of time. I joined in January before last and I believe that the original members were Rory Baker and Morgan [King]. I haven't actually met him [King], which is funny.

Then there were Tobin McKee and Isaac West. They started it when they heard about the senate bill [California Senate Bill (SB) 1383] that's making it a requirement for people to figure out what they're doing with their food waste. So they thought a niche existed in the town of Arcata for a bicycle compost pickup.

Everything is managed in a cooperative process, so everybody who's a part of it is a partial owner



ROT AND ROLL Dimitry Podolsky, Monika Richardson and Skye Henterly at the Redwood Coast Montessori Garden.

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come into compliance because of the scale of food waste that exists. It's basically been put on hold and shoved back in terms of enforcement.

So it's still in existence but not



TAKING THE TEMP Dimitry Podolsky checking the compost.

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of the company.

On your website you cite (SB)1383. What is it and why is it described as short lived? (The senate bill originally required every city, county or special district in California to provide organic waste collection by the year 2022.)

Skye: My understanding is this bill was voted into existence, but many places were not able to

enforced?

Monika: The closest site to process mass amounts of food scraps is in Santa Rosa. So when [(SB) 1383] is implemented the only other plan in place is using Recology, which would involve driving its trucks down to Santa Rosa.

Dimitry: What [the county] is doing is converting the old Eureka site where the dump is, where they used to recycle, and that they don't

use anymore. So that's the plan – to use a local compost facility eventually.

[According to a Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury Report entitled: The Authority to Manage Our Waste, the long-range-plan is to separate food waste and turn it into renewable energy and fertilizer. Another Humboldt County objective, according to the county's website, and also a part of (SB) 1383, is to recover edible food that would otherwise be wasted and redirect it to those in need.]

The (SB) 1383 has regulations that require food and other compostable materials to be kept out of landfills. There is supposed to be a 75 percent reduction, from 2014 levels, in statewide organic waste by 2025, but no one's required to do anything?

Dimitry: Not yet. Local municipalities have to enforce it; and they have to have the funding and the structure in place to make it happen.

Do you make any money doing this?

Monika: I think for the most part our quarterly rate has always been less than minimum wage, maybe \$10 to \$12. This last year we have been benefiting from a grant that we were awarded a year ago that can help with some of our costs. So this last quarter we made more than minimum wage.

But then we don't take out all the money we make because we pay expenses for the business, so

maybe we'll take out half of what we make, and then sometimes we decide to reinvest some money back into the company.

That's why we're all working other jobs, because it doesn't pay us a living or minimum wage.

How many hours a week do each of you work?

Dimitry: Different amounts of hours, and it varies as to the needs of the business. There are things that have to happen constantly. The routes have to get covered. We ride [bikes] Monday through Thursday.

The routes usually take anywhere from one-and-a-half to three-and-a-half hours. We have a manager meeting usually weekly. Besides that it's just what needs to get done. Does a compost bin need to get flipped or fixed, does something need to get emptied, etc.

There's also customer service, emails and stuff like that. Monika takes care of that. I'm doing financial administrative stuff. So the hours really fluctuate. I do want to say one thing about how much money we make.

This is the fourth year of this business, and we are just kind of hitting our stride financially. So things even out, and like Monika said, we have the grant which is helping out right now.

The ground's generosity takes in our compost and grows beauty! Try to be more like the ground.

—Rumi

Part 2 next month.

McK Senior Center gathering popularity

Hello, Winter! By the time this is published, our center will be closed for yearly deep-cleaning of the entirety of Azalea Hall...

but that doesn't mean that we're still not operating! SAIL Fitness will be conducted on schedule in the Hewitt Room, as their early hours do not conflict with the classes.

The Highsteppers Walking Groups will continue to do their regular Monday, Wednesday, and Friday walks along the Hammond Trail and on Sandpointe Drive, and the HSRC frozen meal distribution will be taken care of on Monday the 23rd and the 30th.

I will also be checking the phone for messages daily, and helping people as I can with service referrals, answers to their questions... basically the sort of thing that I do every day both at the center, online and otherwise.

Our Holiday Boutique has been a big success! Our crafty seniors have been busy churning out crocheted creations and other attractive pieces to support our endeavor.

Many, many people have stopped in to browse and buy our hand-crafted and vintage Christmas decorations and memorabilia over the last several weeks.

Not only was this an opportu-

nity to find unique and collectible items, but also for people to acquaint themselves with our center, and learn of the valuable services that we offer.

We hope to see some new folks return as participants and volunteers in the coming year, as the more people we have on board, the more benefit we can provide!

Thank you to all who supported us during our Giving Tuesday fundraising campaign! This is our biggest fundraiser for the year, and your generosity makes it possible for us to continue being of benefit to our older community members. Those bills don't pay themselves, so your help is very much appreciated.

We are very much looking forward to embracing 2025 in the same spirit of service as we are known for. My ankle is now healed from a major break in June, and I can now carry out plans to update our computer lab with new furniture generously granted us by the McKinleyville Area Fund.

We will have new tables and three new adjustable chairs to make using our desktop computers and laser printer even more comfortable for our people. Look forward to seeing that sometime in the near future.

We are also looking forward to bringing line dancing to our cen-

ter on Thursday afternoons starting (tentatively) on Jan. 9.

Please watch for our daily postings at fb.com/mcksenior or on nextdoor.com for more details regarding not only our new and special programs and presentations, but also for our general weekly schedule.

We truly have something for everyone at the McKinleyville Senior Center... provided that you are age 55-plus! See you next month!

—Cindy Trobitz-Thomas, Lois Andersen, Cynthia Bagwell, Lorraine Comfort, Karen Nessler, Barb Hash, Adelene Jones and, seated, Claire McAdams

PHOTO BY VINCE THOMAS

Seaside Village cele-

Merry Christmas!

Celebrate 2025!

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce presents "A New Year for Trinidad" on Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to midnight in Trinidad Town Hall. Good Time Charleys, Henpecker and DJ Knutz (Kevin Ness) will entertain.

Generous hors d'oeuvres, a complimentary sparkling wine toast are



included. Cash bar.

Must be 21 years old plus to attend. \$20 pre-sale or \$25 evening of admission.

Order tickets at BITLY/GTCCNYE2025. Email greatertrinidad-chamber@gmail.com or visit ExploreTrinidadCA.com for details.

New Year's Day

Trinidad Head Walk

Dan Dendler, Park Ranger with the Bureau of Land Management, invites hikers to join him on a January 1, 2025, 7 a.m. Trinidad Head Walk.

Meet at the Trinidad Head trailhead on the south end of the parking area near Trinidad State Beach at 7 a.m. The hike of about 1.4 miles will be about two hours in length with easy to intermediate trails and sections of steep grade.

All are invited. What a perfect way to begin 2025!

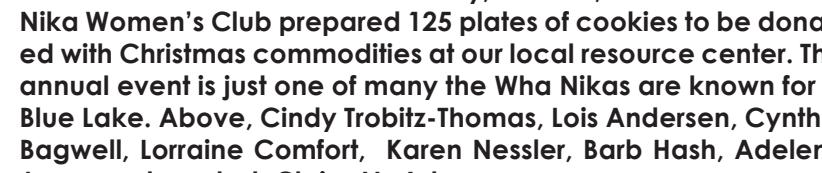
Email d.dendler@blm.gov for information.

CERT Shoe Drive continues

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) continues its "gently used" or new shoe drive benefitting the acquisition of CERT equipment, supplies and training.

Mayor Cheryl Kelly and CERT Leader Larry Goldberg announce several new drop off locations at Murphy's Market, Eureka Natural Foods in McKinleyville and Fit Nor Cal, 1040 Samoa Blvd., Suite A in Arcata.

These collection box locations are in addition to the Trinidad Town Hall box.





IMPROMPTU PARADE Arcata Tigers football team celebrated their winning of a state championship with a victory parade on Dec. 18.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTIONAL BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

24-00641

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SPYGLASS INN

118 DOLPHIN DR.

WHITEHORN, CA 95589

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

SIMY RAJAN

118 DOLPHIN DR.

WHITEHORN, CA 95589

HUMBLE CHARLES

118 DOLPHIN DR.

WHITEHORN, CA 95589

This business is conducted by:

A MARRIED COUPLE

SIMY RAJAN,

CO-OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Dec. 10, 2024

JUAN P. CERVANTES

JR/DEPUTY CLERK

12/25, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15

FICTIONAL BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

24-00642

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

OCEANVIEW HOT TUBS

55 EEL CT.

WHITEHORN, CA 95589

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

SIMY RAJAN

55 EEL CT.

WHITEHORN, CA 95589

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FICTIONAL BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

24-00643

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

CLIFF HOUSE

141 WAVE DR.

WHITEHORN, CA 95589

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

SIMY RAJAN

141 WAVE DR.

WHITEHORN, CA 95589

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FICTIONAL BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

24-00597

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

BLUE COLLAR

INNOVATIONS

2578 OLD STATE

HIGHWAY

FORTUNA, CA 95540

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

ETHAN T. HOUSEWORTH

2578 OLD STATE

HIGHWAY

FORTUNA, CA 95540

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL

S/ETHAN HOUSEWORTH,

OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV. 12, 2024

JUAN P. CERVANTES

JR/DEPUTY CLERK

12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/8

FICTIONAL BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

24-00632

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MISSING LINX

INTERPRETING

1515 RONALD AVE.

FORTUNA, CA 95540

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CRISTALING T. ANDRADE

1515 RONALD AVE.

FORTUNA, CA 95540

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL

S/CRISTALING ANDRADE,

, OWNER/OPERATOR

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Dec. 3, 2024

JUAN P. CERVANTES

JC/DEPUTY CLERK

12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/8

FICTIONAL BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

24-00615

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

TEL AVIV HOTEL

315 MAIN STREET

FERNDALE, CA 95536

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

THE RESTATED HOFF-

MAN-MULVIHILL REVO-

CABLE TRUST DATED

AUG. 20, 1998

315 S. MAIN STREET

FERNDALE, CA 95536

This business is conducted by:

A TRUST

S/GEOFFREY D.

MUSSLMAN,

TRUSTEE

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Nov. 21, 2024

JUAN P. CERVANTES

SG/DEPUTY CLERK

12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

STEVEN SVEN-KRIS-

TER PEARSON

SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF HUM-

BOLDT

CASE NO. CV2402237

TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: STE-

VEN SVEN-KRISTER

PEARSON

2. THE COURT OR-

TERS that all persons

interested in this matter

appear before this court,

located at 825 5th Street,

Eureka, California, at

the hearing indicated

below to show cause, if

any, why the application

should not be granted.

If you object to the

granting of the petition,

you should appear at the

hearing and state your

objection or file written

objection with the court

before the hearing. Your

appearance may be in

person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or

a contingent creditor of

the decedent, you must

file your claim with the

court and mail a copy to

the personal representa-

tive appointed by the court

within the later of either

(1) four months from the

date of first issuance of let-

ters to a general personal

representative, as defined in

section 58(b) of the Califor-

nia Probate Code, or (2) 60

days from the date of mailing or personal

delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is



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State Sen. Mike McGuire, DHHS Director Connie Beck and DHHS Behavioral Health Director Emi Boteler-Rodgers outside Shaw Pavilion. KLH | UNION

Center ♦ FROM PAGE 1

either on site or elsewhere, plus ongoing outpatient behavioral health, social and housing services. The center is projected to open in late 2026 or early 2027.

The costly endeavor's launch budget includes MRCH's land donation, almost \$12.4 million from the State of California, \$2.5 million in county funds, plus \$5 million from private sources and via McGuire, with more funding announcements promised.

Services at the center will be paid for and sustained by "existing funding sources" – established county, state and federal sources. Private insurance will be billed, and patients assisted with insurance, Medi-Cal and Covered California.

"The big news today is that we officially have \$20 million in the bank," he said. "This \$20 million will allow us to now move forward formally on the project."

Continued McGuire, "Mental health has to have parity with physical health, and we're doing it now in Humboldt."

He heaped praise on MRCH for providing the new center's site. "Our job is to focus on the construction dollars, rather than paying an arm and a leg, also for the dirt," McGuire said. "So it's a it's a game changer."

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Wes Chesbro's journey from eco-activist to elder statesman has now wound its way into the hallowed halls of the radically revitalized Cal Poly Humboldt Library. There, last Thursday, the former Arcata City Councilmember delivered a copy of his newly completed oral history interview to Cyril Oberlander, dean of the library.

The six-hour Chesbro interview was conducted over a three-day period in January 2023 by historian Todd Holmes of the Oral History Center at the University of California Berkeley's Bancroft Library.

The book covers Chesbro's early family life, his public service on the Arcata City Council, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, California Integrated Waste Management Board as well as the California State Assembly and Senate. It includes historic images from Chesbro's political career, including photos with governors and even his original Chesbro for City Council poster by John Wesa.

Oberlander eagerly accepted the new volume, adding it to the library's Author's Hall. Chesbro also donated a copy to the Humboldt County Historical Society. Interview transcripts are located at the Bancroft Library, with audio and video recordings in the state archives.



THE BOOK OF WES
CHECK IT OUT Cyril Oberlander with Wes Chesbro. KLH | UNION